

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention generally relates to a secure computer which can protect information processed thereby from being accessed by an unauthorized intruder. The secure computer typically includes an access control system and a guard system. The access control system detects an unauthorized attempt to access the information and generates a protection command signal responsive to such attempts. Responsive to the protection command signal, the guard system degrades at least a portion of information stored in the computer by chemically, mechanically, and/or magnetically degrading the information processing system of the computer.